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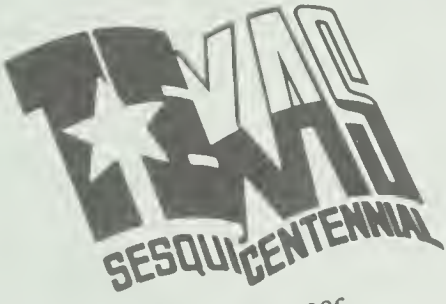

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JANUARY

TEXAS SESQUICENTENNIAL 1836-1986

We'll have Part II of the TNA Medals story, and more, in the February issue.

REMEMBER — The 1st of February is the deadline for the March TNA NEWS.

LYMAN C. BARTEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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HAPPY SILVER ANNIVERSARY, TNA!

Twenty five years have passed since a few dedicated individuals determined a need for a statewide organization that would benefit the greatest number numismatically both educational and social. A salute to the original organizers; several are today active and those that have become a part of TNA in the intervening years have been able to call on those founders' wealth of experience in the ongoing of the organization.

The original group devoted much valuable time in contacting others interested in the hobby and for this effort TNA grew rapidly. The generation of members need a renewing of that enthusiasm and dedication. This silver anniversary year is an ideal time to do that which we must do if TNA is to survive as a viable group in the community of numismatic organizations.

January is the most ideal time to begin this celebration. First priority for 1985 is for each member to secure at least one new member; each elected and appointed officer to secure at least five new members. Next, make plans to attend the annual MIDWINTER ANA convention in San Antonio February 21-24. Next, make plans to attend the annual MIDWINTER ANA convention in San Antonio February 21-24. Next, make plans to attend the annual TNA convention in El Paso April 19-21. A priority and challenge for 1985 is preparation for TNA's participation in the Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial celebration.

TNA hopes to have a pre-Sesquicentennial medal which we hope can be on sale by the last of September 1985. A drawing of the design for the silver medal will be featured in the February **TNA NEWS.**

The issue price will be $30.00. There is one problem at present. TNA does not have available funds to purchase the silver. Consequently if you are interested in owning this beautiful historical medal send medals officer Howard Luke $25.00 now, at 2120 David Dr., Ft. Worth 76111. This price will only prevail until the cost of the silver is realized. This will be a limited edition in silver, probably about 100. There will be a bronze edition if this silver project is successful.

Let us all get moving in the forward direction and make our silver anniversary year the BEST OF THE 25!

THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman, N.L.G. San Antonio, Tx.

THE TNA MEDALS — PART I

Lee Grossman

DID YOU KNOW — that the 1968 Texas Triple Commemorative medals are not considered as the FIRST of the current series of Texas Numismatic Association medals? The TNA claims it began issuing medals in 1969.

However, it is my opinion that the first TNA medal was the one issued in 1968.

The common reverse of the 1968 Texas Triple medals commemorates the 10th convention of the TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION held June 17-19, 1968 in San Antonio, during the Texas World's Fair (also called Hemisfair '68). The TNA ranks among the largest and best known of state societies of coin collectors, numbering amongst its members many internationally known numismatists. The feature of the reverse design is San Antonio's world-famous Spanish Colonial Mission Fortress, the Alamo, where the vastly outnumbered garrison died to a man during the Texas Revolutionary War in 1836.

Obverse "A" commemorates the 150th Anniversary of San Antonio's mint, which struck the only known coinage during Spanish Colonial days in what is today an American city. This unique numismatic event occurred in 1818 when Jose Antonio Garza minted copper coins in the stone building shown on the face of the medal. Just above the building are the two faces of the Garza coins. On one side are the initials "J.A.G." and the date "1818." On the other

THE 1968 TEXAS TRIPLE COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

COMMON REVERSE

OBVERSE A

OBVERSE B

side is the famous Lone Star of Texas and of great interest is the fact that this constitutes the very first known use of the Lone Star as the symbol of Texas. Several of the coins have been found in San Antonio and its immediate vicinity, and many are on exhibit at the Frost National Bank in San Antonio.

Obverse "B" commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the founding of San Antonio in 1718. The tiny Spanish Presidio of that era has today become a metropolis of nearly a million inhabitants — the 10th city in size in the United States. The obverse features the city's 1968 skyline, centered about the Tower of the Americas. This theme structure of the Texas World's Fair is one of the tallest structures west of the Mississippi River, and may be the world's largest reinforced concrete tower. The view from its observation decks and restaurant covers over 30,000 square miles.

So important were the three events commemorated, so appropriate the designs, and so artistic the compositions that the U.S. Treasury Department took the unprecendented step of authorizing the striking of a limited number of gold proof sets of three medals for presentation purposes to appropriate recipients. This NUMISMATIC FIRST set of medals was conceived, researched and conceptually designed by the noted international numismatist Frank O'Sullivan, who was the general chairman of the 10th convention of the TNA

The medals are slightly larger than a silver dollar and were struck in moderate high relief on 12 guage metal. They were available in gold, .999 silver, cupro nickel, rose gold and bronze alloys.

All the official TNA medals have a diameter of 1-9/16 inches and are struck in 14 guage material. As a rule, 100 are struck in polished sterling silver (.925 fine), and 1,000 in oxidized golden bronze.

The common reverse depicts the official seal of the Texas Numismatic Association. Carlton Brush became Life Member No. 1 as a reward for his services by having his suggested name for the official publication and his design for the official seal selected by the governing board.

According to TNA, the first official TNA medals were struck to commemorate its 11th convention in Fort Worth, May 23-25, 1969. The obverse shows the statue of Will Rogers on his horse, Soapsuds, with the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum Tower in the background. The bronze statue is 9'11" high and weighs 3200 pounds. It was executed and completed in 1939 by Electra Waggoner Biggs. The reverse has a map of Texas in exergue in the center with TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 1960, ringed around the outer area.

Will Rogers was born in Oklahoma Indian Territory on November 4, 1879. The American humorist and Cowboy Philosopher had the God-given knack of making people laugh

and think at the same time. In a few words over the radio, on the stage, or in the newspapers, he could say more and say it better than most of the would-be statesmen could say in hours. He was by far the most popular American of the day. He was killed in an airplane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska, with the famous aviator Wiley Post, on August 15, 1935. News of his death sent the American people into a prolonged period of mourning.

The 12th TNA convention was held in Houston, April 10-12, 1970. The obverse shows the 510 ft. San Jacinto monument, with Battleship Texas in the background. Both can be seen in the San Jacinto State Park.

Amarillo was the site of the 13th covention on April 16-18, 1971. The lighthouse formation in Palo Duro Canyon, and the American Bison that lived on the Great Plains are depicted on the obverse side. Palo Duro Canyon State Park, located 22 miles south of Amarillo, comprises 15,103 acres, is 120 miles long, is 20 miles wide (at its widest point), has an elevation drop of 1200 feet, is 3,500 feet above sea level at its top elevation, and has canyon walls more than 700 feet high. Palo Duro is a Spanish word meaning "hard wood," and refers to the supply of the long grained cedar brush which grows in the canyon, from which the Kiowa, Comanche, Cheyenne and Apache Indians made their arrows. The Lighthouse, a 270-foot sandstone formation, is said to have been named by the explorer Coronado when his trail took him into the canyon in 1541.

The term "buffalo" is a misnomer for the largest and most distinctive animal on the north American continent — the "American Bison." A full grown bull stands 5 to 6 feet at the shoulder, and weighs 2,000 pounds. The bison were truly the "indian's cattle," for they provided him with food, shelter and clothing. No part was wasted: skin, hair, meat and hooves were used by the tribe. Although the herds covered the plains like a great, black, rippling blanket, by 1900 the total population in America was about 1,000. Today it numbers over 11,000.

1975

Dallas hosted the 14th TNA convention on April 14-16, 1972. The obverse side of the medal has a replica of the CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA half dollar. Records show the existence of four original half dollars. Halves from the U.S. Mint in New Orleans were planed on the reverse sides in 1861,

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COIN WEEK — 1985

WHOOPER INSPECTS BLACKJACK PENINSULA

By Glen Littrell,
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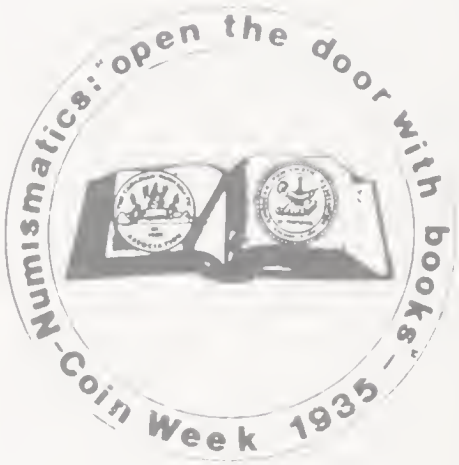

Major threats came to the "Whoopers" in the late 19th century with hunting, egg collecting, land drainage, reclaimation, farming and ranching — all of these crescendoed into critical losses to our endangered specie.

In 1937, for less than half a million dollars, the government bought 47,215 acres of Blackjack Peninsula. Except for mineral rights much of this was turned over to a wildlife reserve. Mineral rights were leased to Continental Oil Co. It has just recently been discovered that the "Whoopers" pantry may be contaminated. Oil drilling, off shore spills and intercoastal canal barge traffic have caused officials to inspect the birds' food supply.

The huge cranes spend three fourths of their daylight hours feeding. They favor blue and fiddler crabs as well as clams, mudshrimp, frogs and crayfish. A crane has been observed to make a haul of 32 clams in 30 minutes, feeding half to her young.

Glowing accounts of the majestic cranes in flight would lead one to believe that they are birds of the sky when actually whoopers spend very little time in the air. The 3000 mile flight to and from Canada occurs in April and October but otherwise they are usually on the ground. Their feet are about the size of your hand and they are great walkers having no difficulty in outdistancing man.

When a young whooper is hatched, the rusty colored juvenile is about the size of a robin. Within a week the young bird leaves the nest and follows the mother from pond to pond.

NUMISMATICS: OPEN THE DOOR WITH BOOKS has been

chosen as the motto for COIN WEEK 1985. Coin Week is a 50-year-old tradition in the United States and is designed to introduce to the public educational and fraternal opportunities within the hobby.

Prior to the invention of the printing press in 1456, the literacy of civilization was concentrated within the leadership of the religious community. The first book printed was the "43 line" Bible.

The three most popular numismatic "bibles" today are R.S. Yoeman's **A Guidebook of U.S. Coins**, the Charlton **Standard Catalogue of Canadian Coins** and the **Standard Catalogue of World Coins.**

Several popular quotes re-inforce the importance of this year's motto. "Buy the book before you buy the coin" and "if you've ever had a coin in your pocket you must have a book in your hand." "The title is just the tip of the iceberg; never pick a literacy fight with someone who buys ink by the barrel."

The best investment a beginner can make is in knowledge. When acquiring coins it is best to borrow books from either a friend or the public library and read, learn and digest their contents. Later when you can afford it, you will know what to look for and will almost never be deceived by counterfeiters or greedy overgraders.

Numismatics involves more than coins and currency. It is more than dates, devices, legends and die cracks, although these are the keys to unlimited knowledge. Coins are little pieces of history that may owe their existence to kings, presidents, amusement machines or even blacksmiths. The numismatic conoisseurs are the ones that grow and become fully aware of the experiences that have gone before.

The ANA has identified themselves with the **Reference Book of the Month Club**, a book and slide library and a microfilm library. The **Canadian Numismatic Research Society** provides the encouragement and the atmosphere for people in the hobby to publish, think and write.

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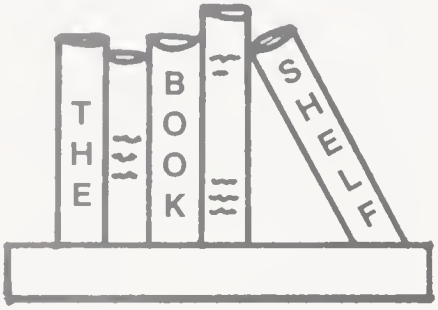
and struck with a Confederate States of America half dollar reverse. They are very rare.

March 30 to April 1, 1973 were the dates of the 15th convention held in Fort Worth. The obverse shows the Wild Stallions Monument. The Mustangs were the escaped descendents of the horses brought to America by the Spaniards. Like the Longhorns, the Mustang has been virtually bred out of existence.

Houston was the host for the 16th convention, April 26-28, 1974. The obverse side shows the Capitol Building, which was at Main and Texas Avenues from 1837 to 1839 and was a onetime Capitol of Texas.

The 17th TNA convention was held in Dallas, April 11-13, 1975. The obverse of the medal has the log cabin which served as the First Post Office and First Courthouse in Dallas.

To be continued next month . . .



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NUMISMATIC LITERATURE

For the advanced or specialized student of Greek coins, there are numerous catalogs which list the holdings of various museum collections. The British Museum's catalog of its Greek coin collection, known as BMC, includes 30 volumes of detailed descriptions of their collection and photographs or line drawings of many of the issue. This series has been assembled since the 1890's. More recently various museums have jointly decided to produce the SYLLOGE NUMORUM GRAECORUM, a detailed description of every specimen in their collections with a photograph of every specimen. Among the collections which have been cataloged in this large format are the Danish National Museum collection in Copenhagen (SNG COP), the Lockett collection (SNG LOCKETT), Lloyd collection (SNG LLOYD), Lewis collection (SNG LEWIS), Fitzwilliam Museum collection (SNG FITZWILLIAM) and the Ashmolean Museum collection (SNG ASHMOLEAN) from England.

The **American Numismatic Society** has produced SNG BERRY of the now dispersed Berry collection and five volumes of its own collection (SNG ANS). France and Germany have SNG FRANCE and SNG VON AULOCK. Although the SNG series doesn't include historical background information, the series is invaluable to the advanced scholar who can benefit from photos of all of the specimens from the great collections. The specialist in the issues of a certain city or province would only need to have those volumes related to their area of interest, but the serious cataloger of ancient coins might wish to have the whole series.

Also available are catalogs of the Weber collection, cataloged by Forrer, and the McClean collection, cataloged by Grosse. One of the most important sources of information about Greek coins is the study of hoards, and there are several books written about specific hoards and also about general works giving brief descriptions of the contents of many hoards. Hoard analysis is useful in determining trading relationships among the ancients.

Dealer price lists and auction catalogs are also an important part of the body of knowledge available about ancient coins, and are espe-

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TNA
CLUB SALUTE!

Texas Numismatic Association honors its chapter members with awards saluting the three top clubs in Texas. The awards are made annually at the governors and club representatives breakfast during TNA conventions. THE CLUB SALUTE AWARD carries first, second and third honors. Clubs participating must be TNA members in good standing.

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1. Name of club and how many members do you have?
2. When and where are club meetings held?
3. Types of programs usually held.
4. Describe any special programs held during the year.
5. Did your club have any special guests during the year?
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7. Has your club made an effort to be involved in local civic projects? Include and describe any charitable activities, and/or, donations.
8. Describe how your club meetings, and coin shows, if you hold any, are publicized.
9. During the past year, did your club or any member, have any special honor bestowed?
10. Describe any efforts your club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club.
11. During the past year what has your club done to increase membership?
12. In what ways does your club encourage junior membership and participation in numismatics?
13. Describe anything not covered above which your club has done to publicize and generate understanding of, and interest in, numismatics

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Balance on hand as of November 30, 1984			2,693.25
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FEBRUARY 21-24
ANA MIDWINTER CONVENTION, Convention Center, Downtown San Antonio, Tx. Headquarters: Marriott Hotel, across Market St. from Center.

MARCH 16-17
CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB, annual Collector's Show, La Quinta Royale, 601 Water St. **CONTACT:** Joe B. Davis, Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

MARCH 30-31
WACO COIN CLUB, annual show, Convention Center, Details later.

APRIL 19-21
TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 27th convention, Civic Center, El Paso. **HOST:** International Coin Club. **BOURSE:** Walt Woelper, 4506 Frankfort Ave., El Paso 79903.

APRIL 27-28
HUNT COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual show, Greenville Intermediate School, 3201 Stanford St., Greenville. **BOURSE:** Vestice Poteet, 1903 Oak St., Greenville 75401.

MAY 4-5
GATEWAY COIN CLUB, San Antonio, coin show, Sheraton Inn, Old Austin Hiway. Details later.

MAY 18-19
AMARILLO COIN CLUB, spring show, Civic Center. **CONTACT:** Pam Tipton, 500 S. Virginia, Amarillo 79106. 806/372-8786.

MAY 25-26
VICTORIA COIN CLUB, annual show. Details later.

MAY 31-JUNE 1-2
OKLAHOMA NUMISMATIC ASSN., annual convention. **WRITE:** "Rizz" Risley, Box 6555, Lawton, Okla. 73506-0555.

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I —

Morris Johnson
Governor

Members of **Stephenville Coin Club** discussed plans for the annual Christmas party at the regular meeting. The party was to be December 10 at Red Bandana Steak House.

At both November meetings, auctions were held. - **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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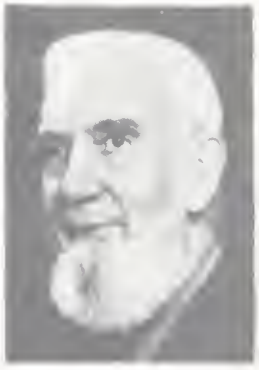
DISTRICT IV —



Dr. Robert Greenwood
Governor

Officers to serve **Austin Coin Club** were to be installed at the annual Christmas dinner December 11 at Quality Inn South.

President is Carl Nygard; Dr. Robert Greenwood, vice president; and Lyman C. Bartee, secretary-treasurer. Frank Galindo of San Antonio, TNA District 7 governor, was the installing officer.

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Waco Coin Club has cancelled the second monthly meeting and will be meeting only the 2nd Thursday at T.P. & L. building.

The annual Christmas party was planned for December 13 and a nominating committee was appointed to select 1985 officers - **J.P. Jones, Program Chrmn.**

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DISTRICT V —

Foreign currency and Military Payment Certificates were the subjects discussed by Al Bromberg at the **Garland Coin Club** meeting. Al explained to members that American dollars had to be exchanged for either local currency or Military Payment Certificates. It was a well-kept secret when the series would change on the Certificates as many of these fell into the hands of the local people.

The annual Christmas dinner was to be held December 11 at the Holiday Inn in Garland. New members are Marvin Dodson and Eric Dodson. Ed Edinger won the door prize. - **Timothy N. Lee, Sec.**

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April 27-28 are the dates set by **Hunt County Coin Club** for the annual coin show which will be held

at Greenville Intermediate School, 3201 Stanford St., in Greenville.

Table fee is $50 and for reservations contact Vestice Poteet, bourse chairman, 1903 Oak St., Greenville 75401.

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C.C. Andrews presented a slide program on "Pre-Columbian Artifacts & Related Modern Coins" at the **Dallas Coin Club** meeting. The modern coins were generally gold coins of the late 1970's and early 1980's and commemorated subjects of the 500 B.C. to 1500 A.D. period such as ancient races of people, ball games, religious topics and music. Some of the countries represented were Guatemala, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Dominican Republic and Guyana.

Members will meet at Holiday Inn Central on December 20 for the annual Christmas dinner and social. The door prize was won by Ken Thomson. - **Ben Hong, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VI —

Greater Houston Coin Club members are completing preparations for the annual Money Mart on January 25-27 at Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Dr. McIntire Numismatic Auctions of Jacksonville, Ark. is in charge of the auction. For exhibit applications write GHCC, Box 2963, Houston 77001.

Al Loja
Governor

At the regular meeting, it was voted to extend an invitation to the American Numismatic Assn. to host the 1992 convention. Members planned the annual Christmas party on December 20 and to send a holiday basket to Virgil Hancock who is confined to a nursing home. - **Melvin L. Neal, Sec.**

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DISTRICT VII —

Frank Galindo
Governor

A special dinner meeting to celebrate the Thanksgiving season was held at Wyatt's Cafeteria by members of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. A slide program was presented by Lee Grossman for the evening's entertainment.

The Christmas party was set for December 13 at the Antonian Apts. club room. It was to be a covered dish dinner.

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays at the Chandler Center, 137 W. French. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT VIII —

The annual Collector's Show sponsored by **Corpus Christi Coin Club** will be held March 16-17 at La Quinta Royale and a planning session will take place at the December 11 meeting. The club's address is

Box 3191, Corpus Christi 78404.

The **Liberty Coin Club** members have completed a series of Counterfeit Coin Instructional slide programs under the direction of David Burke. Those who have successfully completed the course will receive certificates. The Liberty club's Christmas banquet was set for December 4 at Texas Corral.

Taking part by presenting programs have been John Face and Bill Bailey. Face displayed a Polish medal dated 966 of Mieszko, the first ruler of Poland who accepted Christianity and their religious customs. Churches were erected and the first coins were minted. In 1966 40 million Polish citizens celebrated the 1,000 year anniversary of these events. On the medal's reverse is the emblem of the Polish/American eagles embracing the first Polish coin - a symbol of historic ties. Bailey gave a program on the Morgan silver dollar with a resume on the number of coins minted, melted, and estimates of the number that exist today. He also displayed some of the coins from his collection. - **Club Bulletin.**

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DISTRICT IX —

A round table discussion on coin collecting and grading took place at the meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** in Littlefield. Eight members were present.

Plans were finalized for the Christmas party. E.L. Merriott presided at the meeting after which refreshments were served. - **Ed Chauncey, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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Twenty six members and four guests attended the **South Plains Coin Club** meeting in Lubbock when election of new officers was held at Precinct I Clubhouse. Plans for the Christmas banquet were announced and a "Member of the Year" award will be given. Lubbock's "Meals on Wheels" will be receiving donations from the club.

An auction of 35 lots was conducted by Jim Hall and D.O. Joplin followed by refreshments. A.B. Allen won the door prize. - **Ed Chauncey, Gov. Dist. 9.**

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DISTRICT XI —

Dates of May 18-19 were set for the spring show hosted by **Amarillo Coin Club** at the Civic Center. For more information contact Pam Tipton, 500 S. Virginia, Amarillo 79106, 806/372-8786.

Nela Runkle
Governor

During the regular November meeting, held at First National Bank with 35 attending. Jim Eddington gave the coin market report and plans were made to have the Christmas party on December 6 at Cattle Call in Westgate Mall.

A program on "Diamonds" was given by Scott Means from Wagoner's Jewelry Store. Door prize winners were Chad Barber, junior; Gordon Boyle, adult; and Susan Barber, Ann Wilson, Curtis Maple and Jimmy Eddington. - **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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DISTRICT XV —

A change in monthly meeting nights was approved by **Greater Orange Coin Club** at the recent meeting. Members will meet the second Thursday instead of the first Thursday. Dewey L. Scott was to check with the Orange Community Center to confirm the availability on the change. Scott was to also check with the Ramada Inn to verify reservations for the annual Christmas dinner on December 11.

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

The election of officers was to take place at the December 3 meeting. A motion made to increase club dues to $6 for adults and $3 for juniors was approved effective January 1, 1985.

Jerry Williams, club president, gave a program on commemorative coins. - **Becky Scott, Ass't Sec.**

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The **Beaumont Coin Club** holiday social was planned for December 20 at the Red Lobster and plans included a gift exchange.

The Beaumont club met with Greater Orange and Greater Port Arthur coin clubs for an auction night in November. The clubs have also been working together in trying to solve the problems with club and show attendance and the decline in numismatic interest in the area. - **Club Bulletin.**

MINI NEWS TIME!

The 1984 Texas Numismatic Association convention is fast approaching and April 19, 20, 21 will be here before we realize it. The **TNA NEWS** editor is preparing the Mini News - a pocket-size booklet familiarizing visitors with TNA, its history and advantages of being a member.

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The collector who wishes to pursue the study of Greek coins would be advised to contact one of the ancient coin specialists who also supplies numismatic books. These include Thomas McKenna of Ft. Solling, Colorado, Numismatic Fine Arts of Beverly Hills, California, and Ed Waddell of Bethesda, Maryland. The numismatic book auction houses also have these titles on occasion, and since many of the books are out-of-print, it is sometimes just as challenging to locate a specific book as is to locate an outstanding specimen of the beautiful ancient Greek coinage.

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The demise of the note will coincide with the new effigy of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, designed by Raphael Maklouf, which will appear on Britain's coinage beginning January 1, 1985.

The Chancellor indicated that a new 20 pound note will be issued in the United Kingdom with details being announced soon.

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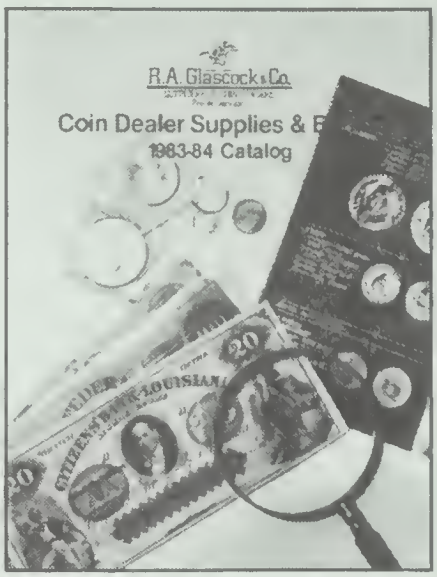

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